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HARDING PROPOSES NEW STRIKE MOVE

**Tells Shopmen to Return
to Their Jobs**

ASKS RAILROADS TO ASSIGN WORK

**President Issues Appeal to Workmen
to Return to Their Jobs and Asks
Railroads to Assign Them Work
Pending Settlement of Strike Issue
by Labor Board.**

Washington, Aug. 7.—President Harding today called upon striking railroad shopmen to return to work, requested the railroads to assign them to work and asked both the workmen and carriers to submit the disputed question of seniority to the railroad labor board.

The president sent telegrams to B. M. Jewell, head of the railroad shopmen's union, and T. DeWitt Cuyler, chairman of the Association of Railway Executives, outlining the plan which he hoped would result in speedy termination of the strike. Mr. Harding in his messages asked that both parties to the dispute agree to comply with the decision rendered on seniority by the railroad labor board.

Washington, Aug. 7.—The president's telegrams were made public at the white house at 1 o'clock after the executive had held another conference with Mr. Jewell and other strike leaders and with Chairman Cummins of the senate interstate commerce committee who has been in contact with the railroad executives.

The statement was authoritatively made at the white house in connection with the call issued by the president that Mr. Harding regarded his proposals as a final proposal from the government for voluntary action by the railroads and employees to end the menace to the country's interests which the administration sees in the paralysis of transportation, particularly in coal fields. The proposals today were made without consultation with railroad executives as the president does not know what will be the attitude of the labor unions, it was added.

Settlement through the labor board, the president was said to believe, is the only practical course for the government to seek.

Text of Telegram

The text of the telegram sent to Mr. Jewell follows:

"I have your communication in which you and your associates speaking for the striking railway shopmen pledged your agreement to the proposals which I submitted to the railway executives and your organization for the settlement of the pending railroad strike. Inasmuch as I was acting as a voluntary mediator, seeking the earliest possible settlement, I confess to you that some disappointment which I have conveyed to the executives that the terms were not unanimously accepted. As you are already aware the executives of the carriers declared their inability to restore seniority rights unimpaired.

"It is exceedingly gratifying, however that in responding to the terms which were proposed that both the spokesmen for the carriers and the spokesmen for the employees have pledged that they will recognize the validity of all decisions by the railroad labor board and to faithfully carry out such decisions as contemplated by the law. Moreover, spokesmen for the carriers and employees have approved the second paragraph of the proposal and in their approval have agreed that railroad labor board decisions which have been involved in the strike may be taken, in the exercise of recognized rights, by either party, to the railroad labor board for rehearing. Inasmuch as the employees have agreed to all the terms proposed and the executives have agreed to two of the bases of settlement and rejected the third, there remains only the question of seniority covered in paragraph three in dispute, to bar a settlement.

"Mindful of the pledge of both the executives and the striking workmen to recognize the validity of all decisions by the railroad labor board I am hereby calling on the striking workmen to return to work, calling upon the carriers to assign them to work, calling upon both workmen and car-

WEEVIL INFESTATION IS IRREGULAR

Weather Conditions Favorable to Weevil Development. Continuation Control Measures Advised.

Clemson College, July 31.—The most striking feature in the boll weevil situation is the irregularity of the infestation, not only in the various counties but on individual farms and even in single fields," said Prof. A. F. C. Cradl, entomologist, at the weekly boll weevil conference here today, after hearing reports from the field specialists who were present for the conference and from the county agents over the state.

At the close of the conference the following statement was given out: "The weather during the past week while hot was moist and generally favorable to weevil development. It should be explained that hot and dry weather is the weevil's worst enemy, but with the exception of a few localities we have had no such weather during the past week. Showers have been frequent and the atmosphere moist, which offset the benefits that would have been derived otherwise from the weather.

The percentage of squares infested varies, as shown by the reports, from a small percent to 60 or 70 percent. This condition is frequently very misleading to farmers who are given the credit of low infestation to one or other of control measures they are attempting, when as a matter of fact the infestation was not there to begin with. We know this to be the case, because there have been accumulated over a period of years a series of most elaborate data in experimental work showing what results may be expected from one or the other of these various control measures under the best conditions.

Square collecting when done thoroughly on the plant and on the ground is still advised throughout the Piedmont section, and in other sections and areas where light square infestation occurs.

Frequent shallow cultivation should be continued so long as cotton does not sufficiently overlap for this to be injurious.

It is very necessary that the labor situation be controlled during August for the purpose of square collecting and cultivation. Failure to have labor available may mean much loss. Fruiting over the state generally is very good. But it frequently happens that individual farmers have a small crop of fruit set at this time, a condition which would hardly be due to natural conditions but probably to poor soil and poor seed. It must be kept in mind that good soil and good seed are two things most necessary before one may expect profit from any operation for boll weevil control.

Frequently we are asked to advise whether dusting should be undertaken where square infestation has reached upwards of 60 per cent. This depends on:

1. Whether the farmer is prepared to dust immediately. If so, then we advise him to dust, but there is no time left now to secure dusting machinery and poison, knowing that weevil dispersion is about to begin.
2. Whenever the dusting schedule has been begun it should be continued with view of reducing these high infestations before the dispersion begins.

Maj. Dozier Here

Friends of Maj. J. C. Dozier, world war veteran and candidate for Secretary of State, has been spending a few days near the city with his father-in-law, Mr. F. W. Little. While here Maj. Dozier, who already has hosts of friends in the city, has found occasion to make many new friends and put them in proper line for the election. Last night Maj. Dozier made an informal address at the Watts Mills and received a cordial reception from his hearers.

Power Reunion

The annual Power reunion will be held at Davis Springs Thursday, August 17. Relatives and friends of the family are invited to attend and to bring picnic baskets.

Under the law to take the question in dispute to the railroad labor board for hearing and decision and compliance by both with the decision rendered. (Signed) "Warren G. Harding."

OPENS ARTILLERY AGAINST EXPERTS

Duncan Takes Shot at "Smelling Committee." Letter to Harding.

Winnboro, Aug. 3.—The report of Griffenhagen & Associates, made to the joint legislative committee on economy and consolidation at the last session of the general assembly, was the subject of harsh criticism here today by Walter E. Duncan, comptroller general. This was introduced early in the campaign by Cole L. Bleas, who designated the group of efficiency experts, who made a survey of the financial affairs of the state, as "the smelling committee." T. Hagood Gooding, at the campaign meeting in Darlington, read a letter written by Mr. Duncan to state officials in Georgia, where the same group was making a survey, in which the experts were characterized as "impostors," their recommendations "ridiculous," and their methods "contemptible." Mr. Duncan explained today that his opponent had referred to that part of the report which dealt with the office of the comptroller general and then read a letter from one of the Griffenhagen representatives published in the Atlanta Journal last Saturday. He also read a copy of his own letter which he wrote in reply to Governor Hardwick of Georgia this week.

The report of the efficiency men is of peculiar interest, in view of the fact that all candidates realize the financial burdens under which the people of the state are laboring, and also because this same group pointed out to the last general assembly how a saving of half a million dollars might be effected.

Experts Make Reply

Replying to Mr. Duncan's first letter, Fred Telford of Griffenhagen & Associates had the following to say concerning Mr. Duncan:

"In the report we made to the joint legislative committee of South Carolina on the work of the office of the comptroller general, we pointed out that an automobile had been purchased out of the funds appropriated for the county officers, but was being used for personal uses by the chief clerk in the office, also that in reporting expenditures to the legislature the comptroller general had covered up the use of the money. This automobile was purchased before Mr. Duncan took office, but the last payment of several hundred dollars was made after he became comptroller general. When a copy of the report was given to Governor Cooper, he took the matter up with the comptroller general, Walter E. Duncan, who admitted the fact as stated in the report and offered to resign. Later he changed his mind as to the course of action he should take and did not resign."

S. T. Carter also wrote a letter to the officials of Georgia belittling the work of the group in South Carolina. Of this Mr. Telford said: "I have never known on what the opposition of the state treasurer was based. In our study of his office we discovered no signs of graft or dishonesty, but did find and point out that some of the records are cumbersome, that the office is overmanned and that a smaller staff could handle the work even as the records are kept."

Show Disregard for Facts

"Both Mr. Carter and Mr. Duncan show a disregard of facts which is surprising on the part of state officers supposed to be responsible for what they say," Mr. Duncan, of course, must be aware of the fact that the state appropriations were reduced from about \$6,500,000 in 1921 to about \$5,800,000 in 1922."

Excerpts from the letter Mr. Duncan wrote to Governor Hardwick Monday follow: "The automobile to which reference was made as having been purchased by the comptroller general of South Carolina, was purchased more than six months before I became comptroller general of the state, and in making the final payment on same after I became comptroller general, I was sustained in so doing by an opinion from the attorney general of the state. The people of this state, I am confident, would vastly prefer the opinion of their own attorney general as to the legality of this or any other point at issue, to the irresponsible interpretation of an alien interloper, brought to South Carolina to stir up strife and dissension. Answerable to nobody, this impostor can write back from the safe distance to which he has gone to further distort facts and fumble figures. The records in the office

COTTON CAMPAIGN TO BE RENEWED

L. M. Beacham to be in Charge of Campaign in This County.

At a meeting of the directors of the South Carolina Cotton Co-operative association, held in Columbia last week, it was decided to renew the campaign for membership in the association in order to raise the total number of bales signed from 440,000 to 600,000. It was the sentiment of the meeting that the association could operate more economically with the larger number of bales signed up.

The campaign for new members is to be carried on between August 10 and 31. Mr. L. M. Beacham, local farmer and cotton buyer, has accepted the chairmanship for this county and will be in charge of the campaign here. Laurens county already has about 16,000 bales signed up for the association but Mr. Beacham states that he will endeavor to bring this number up to 20,000.

S. S. WORKERS TO MEET

Laurens County Sunday School Association to Hold Annual Convention at Gray Court-Owings School Building.

The Laurens County Sunday School Association will hold its annual convention at the Gray Court-Owings school house on Saturday, August 12, and the Sunday school people of all denominations in the county are invited to attend.

A strong program of practical discussions and inspiring addresses on all phases of modern Sunday School work has been prepared. Leon C. Palmer, general superintendent of the State Sunday School association, is expected to attend the convention.

In order that all the Sunday School workers of this county may have an opportunity to attend the convention, no limit will be set on the number who may attend from each Sunday School. The convention will be in the nature of a county-wide mass meeting and not a delegated body, and all who come will be welcome.

Information regarding the convention may be secured from the county president, Mrs. C. B. Owings, of Owings, or county secretary, Miss Cecil Owings, Owings, or from Leon C. Palmer, state superintendent, 714 Andrew-Law building, Spartanburg.

Ice Cream Supper

Beginning at 8 o'clock Friday evening, August 11, there will be an ice cream supper at Central School, near Martin's Cross Roads. This is for the purpose of raising money to help with buying desks for the new school building. Everybody is invited to come.

of comptroller general will show for themselves whether Telford's statement that I covered up the payment of the automobile purchase price is the truth or a gross falsehood. Inspection of the vouchers is invited to reveal the facts as to the latter.

Decided to Make Eight

"I did agree, in conversation with the governor, in the event it could be proven that I had committed an error, even a technical error, in the matter of the automobile purchase to resign my commission as comptroller general but when I learned as I did learn that a deliberate and a premeditated effort was afoot to discredit my department in order to bolster up the fictitious necessity of creating another useless commission to further burden, throttle and harass the people of South Carolina, I determined to fight the so-called efficiency experts better known in South Carolina as the smelling committee, and the fight, carried to the floor of the senate, was won by an overwhelming vote. This is likewise a matter of record.

"I have heretofore characterized the recommendations of the Griffenhagen crowd as ridiculous and their methods as contemptible. I have heretofore offered to meet them face to face and prove them impostors. One of their number writes back from hundreds of miles beyond the Mason and Dixon line in a cowardly attempt to discredit me with distorted facts. The public, therefore, may judge for itself. The meeting today was attended by about 300 persons, and was held in the community building removed from Camp Jackson to Winnboro.

A crippled locomotive brought some of the candidates here today three hours late, and in consequence the program was badly deranged.

COUNTY AUTO LICENSES AMOUNT TO \$14,280.31

Laurens Ranks Eleventh in Amount for Seven Months of Year.

With a total of \$14,280.31 for the sale of license tags for automobiles during the first seven months of this year, Laurens county ranks eleventh in the state, and sixth also for the amount of money received from licenses during the month of July with a total of \$495.50. Under the highway act 80 per cent goes to the counties of the state.

The accruals for the months of July and the seven months of this year are as follows:

Counties:	July	Total
Abbeville	139.46	7,703.04
Alcon	835.21	13,444.57x
Allendale	80.71	2,843.71
Anderson	708.22	35,572.18
Bamberg	128.55	5,014.30
Barnwell	101.46	5,691.47
Beaufort	71.01	4,274.52x
Berkeley	58.40	2,286.00
Calhoun	66.21	4,412.73
Charleston	928.14	40,439.47x
Cherokee	278.90	9,760.51x
Chester	291.13	9,770.19x
Chesterfield	323.31	10,803.01
Clarendon	44.00	5,404.20
Colleton	296.67	4,473.23
Darlington	276.51	15,707.26
Dillon	214.80	8,122.66
Dorchester	143.11	4,685.86x
Edgefield	135.96	4,582.71
Fairfield	150.00	4,118.40
Florence	308.96	18,147.11
Georgetown	50.00	4,121.31
Greenille	1,270.94	52,720.91x
Greenwood	326.31	14,772.41
Hampton	87.95	4,507.00
Horry	132.81	6,275.51
Jasper	38.40	1,214.60x
Kershaw	185.80	7,985.76
Lancaster	270.91	7,376.92x
Laurens	495.50	14,280.31
Lee	86.70	6,403.30
Lexington	409.42	13,873.85
McCormick	120.80	3,209.85
Marion	180.60	6,126.56
Marlboro	322.61	12,787.81
Newberry	410.57	12,728.07x
Oconee	304.26	10,463.67x
Orangeburg	481.63	21,370.39
Pickens	238.87	10,031.12x
Richland	1,372.06	46,824.58x
Saluda	130.80	4,863.75
Spartanburg	1,012.31	42,150.03x
Sumter	292.20	13,645.92
Union	152.50	7,638.40
Williamsburg	122.60	5,281.10
York	453.61	17,194.77x
Out of state	47.30	584.10x
Total	\$14,096.11	\$565,518.23

ENROLLMENT OVER 6,000

Twice as Many Men as Women Enrolled in the County for Democratic Primary.

Mr. W. S. Power, in charge of the enrollment books of the county for Chairman C. A. Power, after making a tabulation of the names enrolled for the Democratic primary, stated yesterday that the total enrollment of the county was 6,276. Of this number 4,301 were men and 1,975 were women. In 1920, when men only enrolled, the total number was 4,276.

Mr. Power said that in some cases it was difficult to distinguish the names of women from men so that there might be some discrepancies in regard to a division of the sexes, but that the total number of voters is correct.

Earl Wilson Home Sold

Announcement was made yesterday by Mr. Earl Wilson, who is visiting in the city from his present home in Gastonia, that he had sold his handsome brick residence on West Main street to Mr. and Mrs. Frank McCravy, who will take immediate possession. This is one of the handsomest homes in the city and it is understood that it brought a considerable price though the exact terms were not stated.

Celebrated 78th Birthday

Mrs. R. B. King celebrated her seventy-eighth birthday Sunday, August 6th, at the home of her daughter, Mrs. F. J. Rickman on West Laurens street. There were thirty-two people present, four of her children, six grand-children and one great-grandchild. The rest were relatives and near friends who came to wish her many more happy birthdays, such as this one.

Wolf Reunion

The annual Wolf reunion will be held at Chestnut Ridge church grove Friday, the 11th. Friends of the family as well as relatives are invited to attend and bring picnic baskets.

COUNTY CAMPAIGN OPENS THIS MORNING

First Meeting at Langston Church Today

**LISTS CLOSED
ON SATURDAY**

County Campaign Opens at Langston This Morning and Closes at Watts Mills on the Last Tuesday Night before Primary Election.

Candidates for county offices will make their bow to the voters in the first formal campaign meeting of the year at Langston church this morning at 10 o'clock. Meetings will be held in every township of the county according to the schedule printed below, the last day of the campaign, August 22, to see one meeting in the Laurens court house at 10 o'clock in the morning and another at Watts Mills at 7 o'clock in the evening. The candidates will then rest until one week later when the results will be declared in the first primary election.

The following itinerary is to be followed:

Langston Church—August 9, 10 A. M.
Lydia—August 9, 7 P. M.
Renno—August 10, 10 A. M.
Goldville—August 10, 7 P. M.
Clinton—August 11, 10 A. M.
Clinton Mill—August 11, 7 P. M.
Cross Hill—August 14, 10 A. M.
Center Point—August 15, 10 A. M.
Hickory Tavern—August 17, 3 P. M.
Gray Court—August 18, 3 P. M.
Wallace's Lodge—August 21, 10 A. M.
Laurens Mill—August 21, 7 P. M.
Laurens—August 22, 10 A. M.
Watts Mills—August 22, 7 P. M.

Lists Closed Saturday

The last day for the filing of pledges Saturday disclosed several new names in the list of candidates and several withdrawals. Former Supervisor H. B. Humbert decided at the last moment not to enter the race for supervisor, leaving this contest between the incumbent, Jno. D. W. Watts and W. M. Nash. Miss Margaret Dunlap withdrew from the race for superintendent of education, leaving two men and two women in this race. Mr. W. P. Culbertson having already announced that he would not enter. Phil D. Huff, L. S. Bolt, and R. D. Boyd, of Laurens, and J. O. Barnett, of Clinton, entered the race for the House of Representatives on the last day, making a total of ten entrants for this race. Toy A. Drummond and J. B. Hitt were late arrivals in the list for county commissioner.

The following is a complete list of the county candidates who signed the pledges:

Congress—J. J. McSwain.
House of Representatives (three to be elected)—J. O. Barnett, Ludy S. Bolt, R. D. Boyd, James L. Browning, W. L. Gray, Phil D. Huff, J. C. McDaniel, Hugh D. McCravy, Carroll D. Nance, W. Dennis Owens.
Superintendent of Education—E. Shaw Johnson, Mrs. Earl C. Owens, Ben A. Sullivan, Miss Kate V. Wofford.
County Supervisor—W. M. Nash, John D. W. Watts.
Probate Judge—O. G. Thompson.
County Treasurer—R. Jud Langston, Ross D. Young.
County Auditor—Elmore G. Bramlett, J. Waddy Thompson.

County Commissioners (two to be elected)—Joe R. Adair, A. B. Blakeley, Toy A. Drummond, J. B. Hitt, A. H. Moore.
Magistrates
Laurens Township—J. N. Wright.
Youngs Township—T. W. Cannady, Geo. T. Cook.
Hunter Township—M. A. Cannon.
Clinton Town—R. R. Milam, E. T. Richbourg, T. Miller Smith.
Cross Hill Township—J. W. Darnell, W. B. Fuller, H. L. McSwain.
Dials Township—P. M. Hellams, J. W. Wells.

Waterloo Township—W. W. Campbell, W. L. Cooper, L. Con Elledge, Grover C. Hill.
Suffletown Township—J. Wess Donnan.
Jacks Township—J. C. McMillan.
Sullivan Township—J. L. Baldwin, N. B. Wood.

Picnic at Wham's Lawn

The annual Wham's Lawn picnic will be held this year on August 18. The public and all candidates are invited to attend and bring baskets.